



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re the Patent Application of

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Application No. 09/451,160

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For: ELECTRONIC COUPON DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

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26. (amended) A method of operating an electronic coupon distribution system comprising the steps of:

collecting device information from a device of a client system without obtaining information sufficient to specifically identify the user;

DI associating a device ID with the device information at a